

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has delineated the following inventions as being patentably distinct:

Group I, Claim 1-3, drawn to a method for producing an extrusion-molded catalyst, classified in class 264, subclass 210.6.

Group II, Claim 4, drawn to a catalyst for the preparation of an unsaturated aldehyde and an unsaturated carboxylic acid, classified in class 502, subclass 300+.

Group III, Claim 5, drawn to a method for an unsaturated aldehyde and an unsaturated carboxylic acid by using a catalyst, classified in class 562, subclass 534.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 22, 2007, Applicants elect without traverse Group I (Claims 1-3) drawn to a method for producing an extrusion-molded catalyst.

Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application on the non-elected subject matter, if so desired, and be accorded the benefit of the filing date of the parent application.

Divisional applications filed thereafter should not be subject to a double patenting ground of rejection, 35 U.S.C. § 121, In re Joyce, (Comr. Pat. 1957) 115 USPQ 412.

Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits and an early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

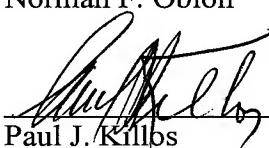
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